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# Major Renovation Programme Completed

## Financing provided by Lucas Foundation

An ambitious programme of renovation of the School's physical facilities has recently been completed. Expansion of the Library, relocation of the Junior School, and refurbishing of the locker rooms are at the heart of the scheme. Also affected are the athletic equipment rooms, school offices, masters' common rooms and work rooms, and the art and music studios.

The work was largely

resultant from the conclusions drawn at the Mini-Pugwash I Conference, held at St. Sauveur in January, 1974. Fourteen members of the teaching staff gathered to examine and to synthesize the findings of a number of committees which over the previous months had met to consider various aspects of the School's academic programme and possibilities for the future.

Following Mini-Pugwash,

a seven-man Development Committee was formed with representation from the Board of Directors, the Faculty and the Student Body. This group considered all possibilities for the School's future physical requirements, and agreement was reached as to priorities.

The Development Committee, Mark II, under the chairmanship of Board member R.T. Riley, '48, then set about to execute the ac-

tual planning for the acquisition of the required facilities. Eventually the architectural firm of Ellwood and Henderson was engaged to draw up the plans, and finally J.A. Faulconbridge, Ltd. was contracted to carry out the work.

Demolition work began in early June, 1976 and things progressed rapidly until the unfortunate strike of the construction industry late in the summer. Although the

new facilities were not entirely ready in time for the start of the academic year, the School did open on time and all the programmes were able to get started despite irritating inconveniences.

In preparation for the demolition and for September's School opening a vast amount of work had to be carried out by way of furniture moving, establishing temporary offices quarters, (See pg. 6 - "Renovations")

## SELWYN HOUSE



## NEWSLETTER

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The Prime Minister dancing with student guest at S.H.S. Ball.

### 5th Annual Selwyn House Ball

#### Prime Minister Pays Visit

What many considered the most successful Selwyn House Ball to date was held on Friday, November 19th at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. A large turnout consisting of boys in grades 9 - 11 with their lady friends, parents and staff, danced to music varied enough to satisfy every taste. Generations mixed well, and it was not unusual to see boys dancing with their mothers and

girlfriends of boys with staff members.

A highlight of the evening was a visit from the Prime Minister and Mr. Bryce Mackasey. Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Mackasey took time out from another engagement being held elsewhere in the hotel to spend a few minutes chatting and even dancing with several of the young ladies attending the Selwyn (See pg. 6 - "Ball")

### Laurier Lapierre

#### Meets with Students in lively session

On December 14th, Laurier LaPierre visited Selwyn House to meet with the students of the Senior School. Mr. LaPierre spoke of the recent Quebec elections and the reverberations felt today not only by English and French of Quebec, but also by all Canadians. As a Professor of History at McGill and a well-known commentator for the C.B.C., Mr. LaPierre was able to provide both a thought-provoking and colourfully complete talk and question-answer period.

Mr. LaPierre dealt with both reaction to and action after the election. Regarding the former, he voiced concerns of English Quebec; the range included fleeing from a separatist Quebec to coping with or fearing for the economic viability of an independent province. He also suggested that the eventual effects of independence on the Canadian Confederation might not, in some ways, result in the day of doom prophesied by many. (The St. Lawrence River would not suddenly disappear for the rest of Canada!). However, he did specify that he was a federalist, although a "funny" federalist.

In terms of action for the future, after humourously characterizing the various provincial leaders as unable (See pg. 6 - "Lapierre")

### Mock Election held at School

#### Union Nationale the Winner

The Grade 11 Political Science class organized a mock-election coincident with the Provincial campaign. Boys from each class were given the telephone numbers of all the major Parties and urged to acquaint themselves with party platforms. Under the supervision of Returning Officers John Schwenk and David Norris, each two-man party within the School addressed the boys at a special assembly one week before balloting. Perhaps sensing their electoral difficulties in the S.H.S. constituency, the Péquiste team of Michael Holy and Tim Fitzpatrick stole the show with a generous distribution of candy.

Vigorous campaigning was mounted during the ensuing week, and the School walls plastered with posters for all parties. Two balloting stations received votes during election day, and the results were announced at 4:00 P.M. To no one's surprise, the N.U. forces, led by Peter Oliver and Stephen Scott, won a smashing victory, distantly followed by Nicholas Gault and Mark Bandeen's Liberals, the P.Q. party, Large and Mainwaring's MCM, and Papich and Williams' Créditistes. It seems that the S.H.S. electorate is rather more conservative than the Province as a whole!



Javier Quintana sweeps the end for a gain against B.C.S. Seniors.

## Library Expanded Shelving Increased Study Stations Provided

A complete renovation of the library has been completed. The new layout and design is both functional and attractive. When one enters the library, two things are immediately evident, there is a sense of spaciousness and there is an impressive absence of noise. Careful attention was given to each area of this new complex in order to avoid a large group of people in any one section.

Close to the main entrance there is easy access to the reference collection, the card catalogue and the current periodicals. Twelve lounge-

ing chairs have been provided for those who wish to sit and read in this haven of quiet. Low shelving separates this area from one of the sections of sixteen library carrels. These study stations are used by students to carry out silent, individual work.

Next to this area is a seminar room, equipped with a folding door to separate the larger room into two smaller rooms or, when left open, the area created can be used as a fully-equipped, audio-visual presentation room. This seminar room has been equipped with sound-proof, double glass walls; speakers

(See pg. 6 - "Library")



Looking across the reading area towards the study stations and stacks in the new library.



A study haven in the new library carrel section.

## School Offices Relocated Reception Area Acquired

With the expansion of our Library several significant changes have taken place in the location of the different School offices.

The School's secretarial and accounting staff is now located in a front room of the second floor. The Administrative Secretary and the Accountant each have a glass-partitioned office, while the Headmaster's Secretary operates in an open area which also serves as a waiting room for visitors to the School.

The School secretary's office is now adjacent to the front door of the School, thus facilitating reception of visitors and mail. Printing

and duplicating equipment and the Addressograph each has its own area of operation.

Other office changes resulted from the loss of two offices on the Third Floor to the expanded Library. The Director of Studies (Middle School) is now located in what was the Registrar's and University Counsellor's office. These two are presently located in the office adjoining the Headmaster. The Middle School Administrator and the Junior School Director of Studies are now both located on the second floor of the School, central to both Middle and Junior Schools.

## 442 Argyle Converted

Junior School Acquires Additional Space  
Caretaker's Apartment Provided

442 Argyle Avenue, the two-story house adjoining the School which had formerly housed Mr. George Dewland, the school's chief caretaker, and Mrs. Dewland, has been remodelled and converted into three

apartments. The conversion was completed in the summer of 1967. The new apartments are located on the second floor of the house and are each approximately 1,000 square feet in area.

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appointed kitchen. The floors were sanded and refinished throughout and one bedroom and the back hallway were covered with wall-to-wall carpeting. The walls and ceilings were resurfaced and repainted.

A new kitchen was created out of an existing room. Fitted kitchen cabinets, a large stainless steel sink, an electric stove, a refrigerator, and new floor tile completed the large

apartments. Mr. George and Mrs. Dewland are delighted with the new apartments and find them to be a much more than adequate living space.

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After lunch coffee in the Junior School's staff-room.

## Locker Rooms Refurbished Renovations Feature New Lockers and Improved Ventilation

The two major changes in the Physical Education facility were the relocation of the office and the extensive locker-room renovation, complete with a new system of locker allocations.

The gym office was moved from the second floor overlooking the gym to the gymnasium floor level. It now occupies a former equipment storage area and has a door with a large hardened-glass window which gives the staff immediate physical and visual access to the gym. A second office door on the opposite wall provides access to the main floor corridor. A built-in desk with overhead shelves and cupboards provides the staff with a work area which stretches the length of the office.

The most extensive renovation took place in the old basement locker-room. This area previously contained lockers which held outdoor winter clothing as well as gym clothes and articles of team equipment. At the pre-

sent time, all outdoor wear is stored in double-tiered lockers which are located in three different areas on the main floor. This change has provided the Athletic Department with a locker facility which caters to physical education related activities exclusively.

The former weight and storage room now contains banks of tote baskets, wire mesh and metal frame baskets which are large enough to hold a pair of athletic shoes, socks, shorts, tee-shirt and towel. A portion of the brightly lit main locker-room area has been walled into a Training or Team Room where activities can be held apart from co-incidentally scheduled classes in the gymnasium above. The team equipment storage room has added hanger, wall bracket and shelf storage space. The Masters' changing room, washroom and shower room have been repainted. The locker room floor is covered with a light

(See pg. 4 - "Phys.-Ed.")



One section of the new double-tiered, multi-coloured lockers used for sportswear.

## Training Room Created New Facility for Phys. Ed. Department

The recent renovations in the basement locker-room not only involved the rearrangement of existing facilities but also the inclusion of an all purpose training and wrestling room. It was felt by the Physical Education staff that a special area was necessary to serve as an extra teaching station for elementary gymnastics or wrestling, to provide a place for team meetings and to give students interested in weight training or in physical fitness an area in which to pursue their programmes.

The room measures 18 feet by 40 feet, and, in order to utilize all the available space, the entire floor surface has been covered with gymnastic mats secured by a wrestling-mat cover. Additional mats with velcro fasteners were purchased in order to pad the walls as a safety factor. It is hoped that new weight-training apparatus and bar bells will be purchased in order to complete this facility and to provide a much wider scope of physical activity for the boys of Selwyn House School.



Senior students working out in the Training Room.

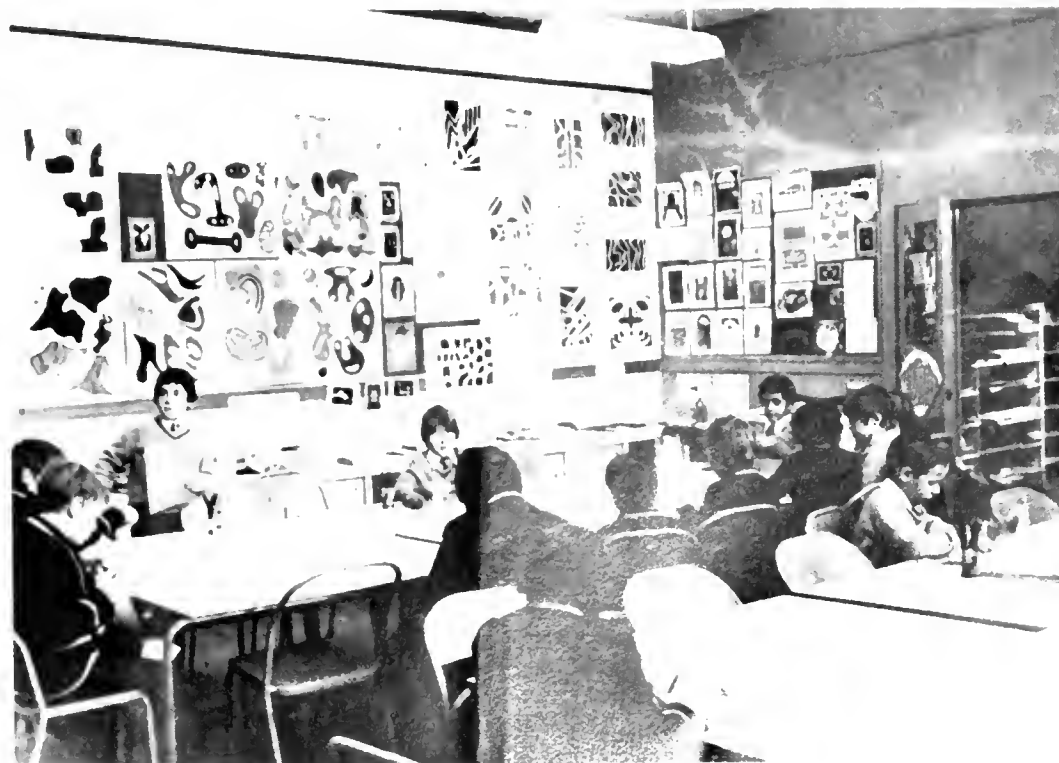
## Art and Music Rooms Relocated in New Quarters Art Studio to the Tower Room

The extensive renovations at the School include the addition of a new Music Room and the relocation of the Art Room.

The Music Room is now located on the third floor. The recently carpeted room contains a piano and ample cupboard space for all the music supplies. Apart from regularly scheduled music periods, the room is frequently used for choir prac-

tice before School, at recess and after School.

The Art Room has been relocated in what was formerly called the "Tower Room". All art classes are conducted here as are the Middle and Senior School art-activity periods. Two new sinks have been installed and the walls of this bright and spacious Art Room are decorated with samplings of the boys' artistic endeavours.



Budding Picassos find art studio to their liking



# Old Boys' Notes...

*M. A. Bushan* ('59) is now Chief Trader, Foreign Exchange International Money Markets, The Head Office, Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal.

*David Culver* ('39) was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.

*Michael Dench* ('64) Born to Michael and Katherine, a daughter, Sara, December 29, 1976 at Seattle, Washington.

*Robert Goodall* ('75) made the Dean's list at

Marquette College this last semester.

*Robert Marie* ('75) Also made the Dean's List, Marianopolis, during the same period of time

*F. Gordon Phillips* (Honorary) former Senior Master of Selwyn House School (1933-1972) recently retired as Organist and Choirmaster of St. George's Church, a post which he held for the past thirty years.

*Ronald T. Riley* ('50) was appointed Vice President Administration, Canadian Pacific Limited.

*Steven Wells* ('63) Born to Steven and Alexandra, a daughter December 25th, 1976 at the Lakeshore General Hospital.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Brian (Toby) Kent* ('64), beloved husband of Susan Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel P. Kent, was killed accidentally in Manila, Philippines, September 29, 1976.

*C.C.E. Colby* ('17) died after a lengthy illness in Florida. November, 1976

## Old Boys' Soccer Team Loses to Students Close Game ends, 2-1

In late October, the Old Boys issued their annual challenge to the Senior Soccer team. Despite a strong showing by an enthusiastic group of Old Boys (one enthusiastic fan was heard to exclaim "You were terrific!"), the Senior team managed, with much youth and a little luck, to squeak by with a 2-1 victory. The Old Boys' team, bolstered by veterans Roswell James and Ted Claxton, played impressively. Nevertheless, due credit must be given to the

Seniors, led by Bill Smith, Colin Bird and Robert Hall, who overcame such a determined team of veterans. A post-game wrap-up at the school, complete with refreshments for exhausted athletes, was enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

The Old Boys' hockey match, slated for later this winter, will be followed by a similar party. The support of all competitors and spectators will be welcome for this event.



25 YEARS AGO

Rear: C. Colby, P. Creery, A. Maxwell, R. Tall, Mr. F. Gordon Phillips. Centre: R. Heward, P. Carsley, M. Melghen, T. Lemoine, S. Winton. Front: D. McNeill, A. Kyrtlsis, S. Bain, A. Herron.

## Debating Society Opens Active Season Public Speakers Fare Well at St. Lawrence University

The first term saw a large number of boys participating in these activities, both in and out of School. Within debating society periods on Wednesday afternoons, a number of new talents were 'discovered', including Al Hyder, Mike Shetler and Bruce Williams. Other new faces, Geoff Skinner, Manlio Marescotti, Michael Cuthbert and Peter Templeton, took on Stanstead when they visited the School and were victorious.

Similarly successful were Messrs. Howson, Nadler, Wilson and Solyom when the teams visited Stanstead. Another home and home series with BCS saw the School win three of four debates, with teams including Rideout, Clark, Carter, Monod, Peets and Wallace.

Three highlights of the season included Senior victories by Oliver, Gault and Carter at the ECS tournament, the fine results of

Gault and Scott at Appleby; and our two station-wagon load contingent of participants at a tournament, featuring speech and drama, at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Monod, Howson and Oliver all reached the finals of their sections against stiff competition. Monod carried off the second-place trophy in the 'After Dinner Speech' section for his remarks on "Discrimination Against the Dead".

## Phys. Ed. Cont'd

forced air heating and ventilation system has been installed to ensure comfortable changing room temperatures as well as provide effective equipment drying facilities.

Upon arrival in the locker room, a physical education student unlocks his numbered tote bag and hangs it into his gym uniform. He then stores his

street clothes and tote basket in a tiered locker for the duration of his class. At the end of the class, the student showers and exchanges his towel for a clean, dry one and locks his tote basket back into the storage rack. Students and staff agree that the new system has provided a welcome and long awaited improvement in locker-room conditions and facilities.

## Where are they now? Col. Brine in Retirement in Britain

Colonel E. G. Brine, Selwyn House, Sept. '62 - June '69.

Geoff came to Selwyn House in September, 1962 from B.C.S. in Lennoxville, Quebec. His many years of teaching qualified him eminently to take over the administration of the Middle School at Selwyn House. Geoff's stern but kindly way of dealing with younger boys is fondly remembered by numerous Old Boys of the School.

On his retirement, Geoff settled in Waterbury, Vermont, where rural life gave him an opportunity to pursue his hobby of gardening. Both he and his wife, Bobby, endeared themselves to the

locals - no mean feat - considering Vermonters reluctance to accept 'outsiders'. Geoff was considered, as being the local authority on India and was often asked to speak at local cultural meetings.

In 1972, Geoff and Bobby left Vermont for the warmer climes of Southern England. Here, on the coast at New Milton, the Brines are finding the joys of retirement, gardening, enlarging their circle of friends, and, on occasion, receiving visitors from this part of the world. Their present address is 1 Lynric Close, New Milton, Hants, B 425 7 DG.



Laurier Lapierre reflects on Quebec and Canada's future.

## Autumn Sport Scenes



Left: Heads up Action against Stanstead Seniors.

Right: D. Seward trapping ball in Stanstead match.

Lower: J. Quintana gains ground against B.C.S.



## Football and Soccer Teams enjoy Successful Season 63 Extramural Games played by 6 School Teams

This fall, Selwyn House teams continued to show marked improvement in their standard of play, both in exhibition and league schedules. As a means of recognizing this fact and to encourage further improvement and team spirit, almost every team was outfitted with new uniforms. The new uniforms, together with the new locker-room facilities and team room will certainly enhance a boy's athletic experiences at Selwyn House.

**Senior Soccer -**  
*Coaches:* P. Govan and R. Rennie  
*Captains:* C. Bird, W. Smith, R. Hall  
Four Wins - Four Losses and Nine Ties

Strong defensive efforts by this year's Seniors enabled the team to overcome a lack-

lustre offense and tie for the divisional lead in G.M.I.A.A. League play. Despite fine efforts by R. Hall, W. Smith, C. Bird and C. Pellam, the squad lost their final game in sudden death overtime to Lower Canada College.

**Bantam Soccer -**  
*Coach:* D. Cude  
*Captains:* M. Osmond, A. Black and J. Wallace  
Seven Wins - Three Losses and Three Ties

Although the Bantams were largely first year players, their record served to indicate the high degree of skill that they possessed. The precise passing and consistent goal scoring of forwards, M. Osmond and J. Wallace, high-lighted the Bantam attack and contributed largely to a very

gratifying season's play.

**Middle School Soccer -**  
*Coach:* P. Govan  
*Captains:* T. Eddy and K. Johansson  
Thirteen Wins - Two Losses and Three Ties

The Middle School Team's most successful season was more impressive when it is noted that they placed second in 16 team, nationwide invitational tournament at Ashbury College and also tied the Canadian finalist Beaconsfield team (2 - 2) in an appropriate season's finale.

**Junior Football -**  
*Coaches:* R. Wearing and D. Karn  
*Captains:* B. Mainwaring, T. Fitzpatrick, R. Blundell and K. Nemec.  
Four Wins - One Loss - One Tie

This Fall, the Junior team enjoyed one of their most rewarding seasons in a number of years. A balanced, high-powered offence, which averaged 24 points a game, was led by M. Ogilvy, K. Nemec and R. Blundell. A stout defence which allowed an average of only four points a game was championed by B. Mainwaring, P. Panet-Raymond and F. Papich. The team's season was high-lighted with the defeat of B.C.S. in the annual Norsworthy Cup Competition.

**Bantam Football -**  
*Coaches:* P. Beauchamp and G. Dowd  
*Captains:* A. Nemec, R. Graham  
One Win - Four Losses and No Ties

Although "wait until next

year" is often quoted after a losing season, in the case of the Bantam team, it may be said without tongue-in-cheek. Only six players will not return to Bantam ranks next season. D. Daly, J. Berton and the Iton brothers and other key players will all have that valuable one year of experience.

**Middle School Football -**  
*Coaches:* R. Wearing, P. Beauchamp  
*Captains:* K. Stiefenhofer, C. Stiefenhofer, R. Riley and D. Trott

An abbreviated schedule of games, all against B.C.S., provided the Grade 7's with their first experience in tackle-football. Hopefully, this initiation provided all the participants with the necessary experience to excel at the Bantam level next year.



L.C.C. Headmaster G.H. Merrill arrives in style as Santa at S.H.S. Christmas closing.

## New Masters' Common Rooms Teachers' Work Areas Improved

As part of the new expansion programme, the master's common-room was relocated in what had been the Geography laboratory. The lab was converted into a large, bright room furnished with new easy chairs and colourful drapes. Also installed in the staff room was an elaborate new coffee-machine, one which is put to excellent use throughout the day.

Staff offices and work areas have undergone some

physical changes. The former staff-room and desk-space were incorporated into the new library, and new work facilities were built into what has been the gym balcony. This new area is a very compact and well-designed work centre which features carrel-like desks, numerous bookcases and suitably attractive carpeting. The new room is shared by members of the English, History and Mathematics departments.



Recently created School Office now on second floor.

### Library, (cont'd)...

have been installed in the ceiling to aid listening, and attractive black-out curtains have been hung to complete the new projection facilities.

Another group of study carrels, separated from the first by five book stacks, creates a second area for silent work. Adjacent to this section is a library classroom, large enough for an entire class to carry out group library projects. When the classroom seminar room is not being used by a specific class, students may use it as a work area in which quiet

conversation is permitted.

The librarian's office has been placed in the centre of the Library, and by having three of its walls glazed, the librarian can easily oversee and control this rather vast new facility. The circulation desk, located so as to afford a good view of the main entrance, is staffed many hours a week by capable student librarians. The new expanded shelving facilities will enable the School to increase gradually its present 12,000 volume collection to that of approximately 18,000.



Looking across Library Study area to New Seminar Rooms.

### Annex, (cont'd)...

large, bright, carpeted classrooms for our two Grade 3's. These two rooms have their own washroom and coat-room facilities. This section of the Junior School is linked to the other Junior grades in the main building by an enclosed, glass-walled concrete bridge.

What was formerly the library is now two, sunny,

carpeted classrooms housing Grades 1 and 2. The old School Office and the former art-room were converted into two other large classes, presently occupied by the two Grade 4's.

Mrs. Marsh's office and the Junior School staff room are now centrally located in the new quarters of the Junior School.

### Lapierre, (cont'd)...

to deal with René Lévesque, he concluded that Pierre Trudeau, both with regard to intellect and background, was the sole person able to deal with the premier of Quebec. Joe Clark he relegated to the numb of mind and the cellars of obscurity.

From the interest stirred by his questions and the sentiments expressed by the students, it was apparent that Mr. LaPierre had won the enthusiasm and respect of his audience; all had certainly been both entertained and informed by his visit.

### Renovations, (cont'd)...

clean-up, sorting of miscellaneous equipment, supplies, etc. Student volunteers were called for and over 100 boys generously gave from their summer holiday time. "The enthusiasm and unbridled energy with which the boys tackled the various tasks was heart-warming," reports Mr. Troubetzkoy. "Especially was it gratifying to have this invaluable assistance given so good-naturedly, without persuasion or cajoling. The boys deserve much credit and all our thanks!"

The renovation programme was made possible by a generous grant of the Lucas Foundation.

The rich autumn coloured carpeting and the tasteful draperies by each window have made this new, air-conditioned library a most attractive area for students and staff to work.

### Ball, (cont'd)...

House Ball.

Hopefully the tradition of an annual Ball will be continued for many years to come as it provides an opportunity for boys, parents and staff to meet and to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere.

### DON'T FORGET

Old Boys' Hockey Game

Wednesday,  
March 2  
3:00 P.M.  
Westmount Rink



Classroom of the Junior School



Enclosed walkway linking Junior School areas.





